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PLANS VIRGINIA BRANCH OF COLONIAL CAVALIERS

Many Richmond People Are Eligible to Membership in National Society.

MR. NICHOLLS VISITS CITY

Palatine-General Gives Outline of Objects of Organization, Which Was Projected With the Jamestown Exposition, Held in 1907.

Plans to form a Virginia branch of the National Society of Sons of Colonial Cavaliers were outlined to a number of Richmonders who are eligible to membership during the past week by C. W. de Lyon Nicholls, palatine-general of the society.

Mr. Nicholls, whose address is 25 Fifth Avenue, New York, was in Richmond to attend the annual pilgrimage to Jamestown Island of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and at the Jefferson Hotel during his stay here he met a number of Richmond people who can trace their ancestry back to the early days of the settlement at Jamestown Island.

The national headquarters of the Sons of Colonial Cavaliers is in New York, and the national officers are as follows:

C. W. de Lyon Nicholls, palatine-general, 25 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

W. Lanier Washington, deputy palatine-general.

Rev. Francis LeBau Frost, Ph. D., chaplain-general.

Sylvester L. H. Ward, treasurer-general, 40 Wall Street, New York City.

Clarence Curtis Pinneo, registrar-general, 75 Wall Street, New York City.

J. Gough Jamison, recording secretary-general.

Dr. T. Nicholls Glover, historian-general.

W. Lanier Washington, chairman of House of Burgesses.

Mortimer Delano Delano, heraldic artist.

Knights of the Golden Horseshoe—Thomas Campbell Washington, of Washington; Dr. Walker Washington, Jr.; W. Lanier Washington, Colonel Asa Bird Gardner, L. D. L. H. D.; Meredith F. Montague, Dr. Albertus Adair Moore, John Ridgely, Jr., of Hampton, Maryland, and David Stuart Ridgely, of Hampton.

Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe—Mrs. Meredith F. Montague nee Triplett, Miss Leta Randolph Robinson, Mrs. George Wilson Smith and Mrs. Daniel Smith Gordon, of Washington, D. C.

The palatine of Maryland, with headquarters in Washington, has the following officers:

Daniel Smith Gordon, palatine of Maryland, Colorado Building, Washington, D. C.

Thomas Campbell Washington, first deputy palatine of Maryland.

John Wentworth Calvert, second deputy palatine of Maryland.

Francis Scott Key-Smith, third deputy palatine of Maryland.

Dr. John Gaston Baillie Bulloch, historian.

John Heath, registrar and recording secretary, the Wyoming Apartments, Washington, D. C.

Thomas C. Washington, treasurer, Twentieth Street at Florida Avenue, Washington, D. C.

SOCIETY PROJECTED WITH JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

Mr. Nicholls outlined the objects and requirements of the association as follows:

"This national society with headquarters in New York City, was projected in connection with the Jamestown Exposition on the 300th anniversary of the founding of the first British colony in America by the Cavaliers, by a formal vow recorded on Jamestown Day, May 13, 1907, in the famous 'Treaty Room' of Bentley Manor, Staten Island, city of New York, one of the oldest manor houses of Colonial Cavalier antecedents now standing in America. After several preliminary conferences at a Livingston homestead in East Thirtieth Street, New York City, the society was formally organized on April 7, 1908, the 301st anniversary of the first landing of British colonists on American soil in Virginia; at the offices of Dr. Catesby ap. Catesby Jones, of New York City, the son of the late Captain Catesby ap. Roger Jones, of Virginia, a member of the eminent Cavalier family of that name.

"While it is a mere historic truism to descend upon the abstract statement that the majority of Colonial Cavalier families emanated from Virginia, to designate precisely which they were, is not so definitely known even by the reading public at cursory inspection. Among the Virginia Cavalier pioneers may be cited Lawrence and John Washington, Sir Thomas Lunsford, Major-General Mainwaring Hammond, Colonel Philip Honeywood, Major Philip Stevens, Major John Broadnax, Colonel Guy Molesworth, John Woodward, Anthony Langston, Henry Bishop, Alexander Culpeper, Peter Jennings, Sir Dudley Watt, Major Richard Fox, Dr. Jeremiah Harrison, Sir. Guy Skippin, Sir. Henry Chickley, Josiah Bridges and Governor Yates, Jefferson, the Lees, and John Randolph, of Roanoke, could also be traced back to Cavalier forebears.

"But scattered throughout various colonies of the Commonwealth, notably in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and South Carolina were other Colonial Cavalier families of premier importance. Of the Newport and Narragansett Cavaliers several of whom became Governors of the State of Rhode Island, may be singled out, Sir Godfrey Marmaduke, the Eastons, Dyers, Codringtons, Gardiners, Coggeshalls, Brentons and Grants. In Maryland, Lord Baltimore's Palatine and the Carrolls, of Carrollton, were of Colonial Cavalier prestige.

"The New York City headquarters chapter of our society, the governing national board, takes its name, the Sir

Heads Colonial Cavaliers



C. W. DE LYON NICHOLLS, Palatine-General, Sons of Colonial Cavaliers.

Richard Nicholls Chapter, from one of the most eminent of the Colonial Cavaliers of the North, the first royal Governor of New York, a grandson of Sir George Bruce, of Carnock. Sir Richard Nicholls, the founder of the Anglo-Saxon supremacy in New York, named New York and Albany and established the Church of England form of worship in New York, eventually in old Trinity Parish, whose present grave yard was his garden. And he was also the first to predict the future greatness of the metropolis.

"At Washington, on February 2, the palatine of Maryland, offered by representatives of the banner-lineage families of Maryland and the District of Columbia, was formally inaugurated by the palatine-general, who later on is to organize chapters at Richmond, Newport, Rhode Island and Charleston, S. C. I have in preparation a book entitled 'Colonial Cavalier Families of America,' a sort of anthology of the first four of our old patriotic families of British stock in the United States.

"The purpose of the formation of the Society of Sons of Colonial Cavaliers is first to set the Colonial Cavalier right in American history, too much importance having been accorded to the Puritan by various of our national historians in treating of the founding and growth of our Commonwealth. Secondly, our object pursuant to the thoughtful study of American history is to compile records and erect memorials honoring the Colonial Cavaliers and, at occasion offers, to render philanthropic aid to our country in times of war.

"The membership of the society is divided into two parts. The first, the palatines, the descendants of the Cavaliers, who settled in America before 1650, and who were sons, grandsons or themselves members of the British nobility. The ordinary and sometimes vulgarly heralded 'descent from Kings' on the part of Americans when the 'King' dated back further than being at least the grandfather of one's pioneer Cavalier ancestor, counts for nothing to bolster up one's claims for membership. The second order, the land-graves, are members descended from distinguished Cavalier families of British gentry antecedents, who settled in this country prior to the Revolution. Besides having a properly accredited invitation from the society, in addition to the above rigid requirements, the candidate for membership, whether palatine or landgrave, must also be a descendant of an ancestor of Cavalier antecedents, who was a personage of note in the eighteenth century, and also from one whose career complies with the same conditions in the nineteenth century. A great many Southern families have a 'tradition' that their forefathers were 'Cavaliers,' an expression often loosely used to mean gentlemen and ladies. But only the historic fact of one's being a scion of a forefather who was a partisan of Charles I. against Cromwell or belonged to a family ranked as Cavaliers by a reliable historian is of any avail for membership.

"The issues between Charles I. and his Parliament are to us of to-day no longer living ones, and had it not been for the fact that the Cavaliers and their progeny did a great deal toward building up our national polity there would have been no adequate reason d'être for the formation of our society, however much the courtly manners of the Cavaliers and dignified mode of living on their estates might appeal to us. The American Revolution, with all the good it wrought in the cause of freedom, with Washington and others of eminent Colonial Cavalier lineage in the thickest of the fray, we do not enter into the discussion of pro or con, leaving that theme to other patriotic societies. Any one who reads the signs of the times can discern that the dominant trend of thought at the present hour is Cavalier, rather than Puritanical. The Puritan loved a village and village gossip; the Cavalier, life on a landed estate, where he was monarch of all he surveyed.

ROYAL THISTLE IS EMBLEM OF SOCIETY

"The emblem of the Society of Sons of Colonial Cavaliers is the royal thistle of the house of Stuart, surmounted by a ducal coronet. The motto, which perpetuates a Virginia trait of character par excellence, is 'loyalty.' Mr. and Mrs. Meredith, Fox Montague, former residents of Richmond, now living in New York, are members of the national headquarters chapter of that city. Mrs. Montague, who was Miss Emily Triplett, is remembered by many Richmonders as the sister of Mrs. Haxall nee Mary Triplett, one of Richmond's famous beauties of the past generation. Miss

Emily Triplett Montague, a niece of Mrs. Haxall's, is now one of the reigning belles of the Southern colony in New York City.

"Daniel Smith Gordon, the palatine of the Washington branch of the Colonial Cavaliers, a Virginian by birth, is a brother of Fulton R. Gordon, of the national capital. Daniel S. Gordon married Miss Frances Pinkney White, of Baltimore, cousin to former Ambassador Henry White, and a niece of Maryland's 'grand old man,' the late ex-Governor William Pinkney Whyte.

"On my James River cruise I visited Westover, Berkeley Shirley, upper and lower Brandon.

"President Lyon G. Tyler, of William and Mary College, has consented to be the executive head of the forthcoming chapter of Colonial Cavaliers of the Province of Virginia. Governor Henry Carter Stuart would be highly eligible for the society, as would Henry Sydnor Harrison, the Harrisons and Carters being among the cavalier families par excellence of Virginia.

"The deputy palatine-general of the New York City national headquarters, William Lanier Washington, is to-day the head of the Washington family in America, and the possessor of the largest collection of Washington family relics."

A Battle in the Air.

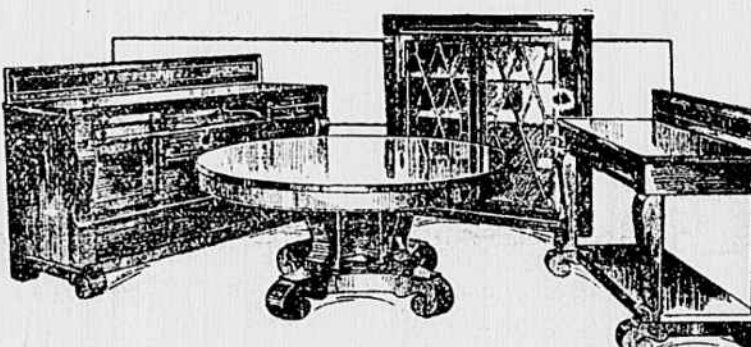
We were quite unobserved by the enemy, and marched the length of the hill for three-fourths of a kilometer, keeping just below the crest. Above us sailed four big French battleplanes and some small aero scouts, on the lookout for enemy aircraft. For a while it seemed as if we should not be discovered, and the command was given to lie down. From where we lay we could observe clearly the ensuing scrap in the air, and it was worth watching. Several German planes had approached close to our lines, but were discovered by the swift-flying scouts. Immediately the little fellows returned with the news to the big planes, and we watched the monster biplanes mount to the combat in a wide circle they swung, climbing, climbing higher and higher, and then headed in a bee-line straight toward the German Taubens. As they approached within range of each other, we saw little clouds appear close to the German planes, some in front, some over them and others behind; and then, after an interval, the report of the 32-mm. guns mounted on our battleplanes floated down to us, immediately followed like an echo by the crack of the bursting shell. Long before the Germans could get within effective range for their machine guns, they were peppered by our planes and ignominiously forced to beat a retreat. One Albatross seemed to be hit. He staggered from one side to the other, then dipped forward, and, standing straight on his nose, dropped like a stone out of sight behind the forest crowning the hill.—E. Morlaes, in the Atlantic.

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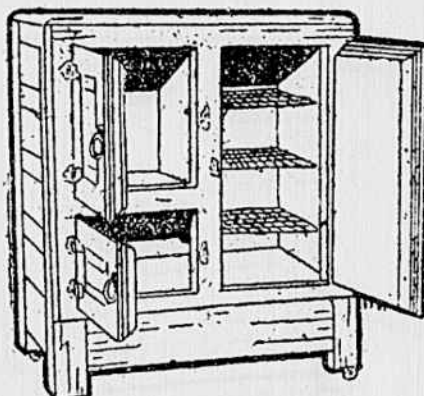
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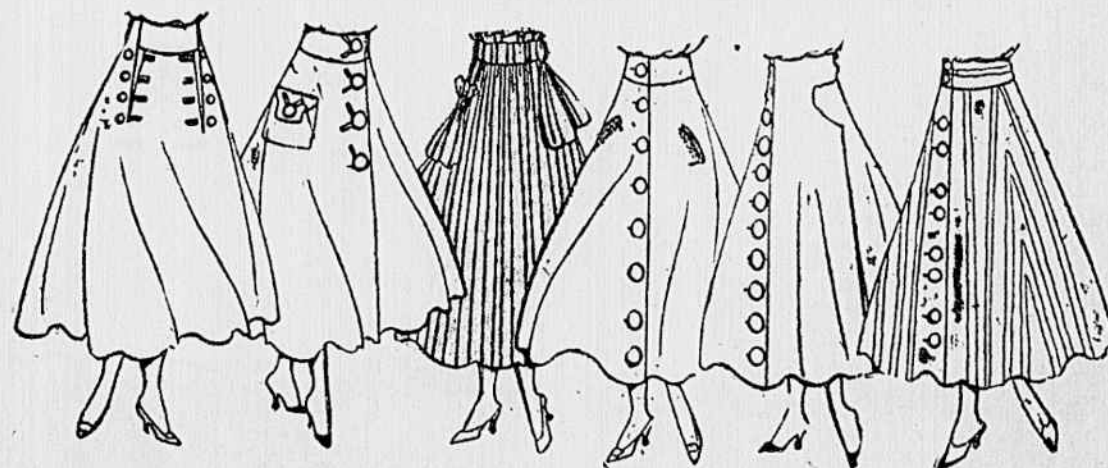
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